

## House Resolution 1839

By: Representative Ashe of the 56<sup>th</sup>

## A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and honoring the contributions of Sally Campbell and the Sheltering Arms Early  
2 Education and Family Centers; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the Sheltering Arms Early Education and Family Centers in Atlanta, Georgia,  
4 were founded in 1888 when a group of Atlanta women formed a sewing circle to mend  
5 clothing for needy children and while delivering clothes, discovered a child tied to a bedpost  
6 as a safety measure while the mother worked long hours in a mill and, determined to help  
7 these children, the women began a mission to care for them; and

8 WHEREAS, today Sheltering Arms is the oldest, largest, and most respected nonprofit child  
9 development program in Atlanta serving more than 3,600 children and their families from  
10 diverse socioeconomic and ethnic backgrounds; and

11 WHEREAS, the Sheltering Arms program empowers families and strengthens communities  
12 by providing quality, affordable early childhood education and child care and comprehensive  
13 family support; and

14 WHEREAS, the quality of care provided by Sheltering Arms is demonstrated by the fact that  
15 approximately 92 percent of the children graduating from the Sheltering Arms' 16 centers  
16 each year meet or exceed kindergarten readiness requirements; and

17 WHEREAS, on May 25, 2005, under the direction and loving guidance of Director Sally  
18 Campbell, the Sheltering Arms Early Education and Family Centers in Atlanta were  
19 designated as a "Quality Initiative Program of Excellence" by the National Head Start  
20 Association; and

21 WHEREAS, this designation is a prestigious honor awarded to only a few early learning  
22 programs nation wide; and

1 WHEREAS, due to the perseverance and dedication of people like Director Sally Campbell,  
2 and the staff and volunteers of Sheltering Arms Early Education and Family Centers, the  
3 tradition of providing quality care and love for those who need it most, our children,  
4 continues to live on.

5 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
6 this body recognizes and honors the contributions of Sally Campbell and the Sheltering Arms  
7 Early Education and Family Centers for their outstanding achievements and contributions to  
8 Georgia's families, the community, the State of Georgia, and to the children.

9 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
10 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Sally Campbell and  
11 Sheltering Arms Early Education and Family Centers.